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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL AND FRG MILITARY EQUIPMENT

DELIVERIES TO GREECE

1. FONOFF NATO DEPT CHIEF PFEFFER TELLS US THAT HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY STATE SECRETARY (AND SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY) APEL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS WEEK ON GREEK QUESTION BY SPD BUNDESTAG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. SPD RESOLUTION DEMANDED THAT FRG WITHDRAW ANY EXISTING APPROVALS FOR DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO GREECE AND APPROVE NO SUCH DELIVERIES IN THE FUTURE, WHETHER IN TERMS OF AID OR IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. THE RESOLUTION ADDED DEMAND THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT PLACE
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THIS TOPIC--DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO GREECE--

ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT NATO COUNCIL MEETING.

2. CONCERNING UPCOMING NATO MINISTERIAL, PFEFFER SAID HE WAS INFORMING SCHEEL THAT THE FRG HAD ALREADY AGREED TO SUPPORT U.S. DEMARCHE WITH NORWAY DESIGNED TO AVOID NATO MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUE OF DEMOCRACY IN GREECE. PFEFFER SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SCHEEL INFORM SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP THAT THEIR REQUEST HAD REACHED HIM AFTER THE NATO MINISTERIAL AGENDA HAD BEEN FIXED. PFEFFER IS ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT SCHEEL AVOID ANY CRITICISM OF GREEK REGIME IN HIS STATEMENT AT NATO MINISTERIAL. EMBOFF EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR PFEFFER'S APPROACH AND ASSURED HIM THAT U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSION OF GREEK ISSUE AT NATO MINISTERIAL WOULD SERVE NO CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE.

3. AS TO FRG ARMS SUPPLY POLICY, GERMAN PROGRAM OF MILITARY AID TO GREECE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE 1967 COUP. DELIVERIES TO GREECE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY RESTRICTED. SPD REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF EXISTING APPROVALS APPEARS TO RELATE TO GERMAN FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION OF LAST JULY AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL DELIVERIES OF SAMPLES OF MACHINE GUNS AND PISTOLS. ATHENS APPARENTLY HAD INDICATED EARLY THIS YEAR TO BONN AND SOME OTHER NATO CAPITALS THAT GREEK ARMY HAD NEED FOR SOME 10,300 GUNS AND 3,000 MACHINE GUNS.
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